IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown in the complete claim set for this application. This listing of claims will replace all prior claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for responding to digital vehicle requests, the method comprising:

receiving a voice query ~~by~~ **at** a telematics unit **in a vehicle**, ~~wherein the telematics unit comprises at least one analog digital converter~~;

converting the voice query to a ~~compressed~~ digital signal ~~wherein a compression algorithm compresses the voice query signal at more than two times the compression ratio of human recognizable audio data compression and wherein converting the voice query comprises compressing the voice query digital signal at the telematics unit~~;

transmitting the **digital** signal **from the telematics unit** to a **computer-end recipient at a** call center node in communication with an information database, wherein the digital signal is sent to the computer-end recipient at the call center node via a **digital packet data protocol over a** wireless network;

parsing the **digital** signal **using the computer-end recipient** at the call center node to determine an inquiry;

accessing the information database based on the inquiry;

formulating at least one response to the inquiry **using the computer-end recipient** ~~wherein the formulated response is compressed to allow a user of the telematics unit to understand the formulated response~~;

transmitting the at least one formulated response ~~in a digital format~~ **via the digital packet data protocol** over the wireless network to the telematics unit; and

translating the at least one formulated response to an analog format **for playback in the vehicle.** ~~at the at least one analog digital converter.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

optimizing the telematics unit for transmission of the voice query to a computer call center node.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

filtering the received voice query before converting it to the digital signal.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

transmitting the signal to the call center using a **cellular** packet data connection.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting the at least one formulated response **~~in a digital format~~ via the digital packet data protocol** over the wireless network to the telematics unit comprises:

transmitting the at least one formulated response in a digital streaming audio format.

7. **(Cancelled)**

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting information via the wireless network further comprises transmitting information via an Internet protocol.

9-20. **(Cancelled)**

21. **(New)** A method for responding to digital vehicle requests, comprising the steps of:

receiving a voice query at a telematics unit in a vehicle;

converting the voice query to a digital signal ;

transmitting the digital signal from the telematics unit to a remote computer-end recipient via a digital cellular packet data protocol;

parsing the digital signal using the computer-end recipient to determine an inquiry;

formulating at least one response to the inquiry;

receiving a transmission of the at least one formulated response at the telematics unit via the digital cellular packet data protocol; and

presenting the at least one formulated response.

22. **(New)** The method of claim 21, wherein the digital cellular packet data protocol is the digital cellular 3G packet data protocol.

23. **(New)** The method of claim 21, wherein the step of transmitting the digital signal to a remote computer-end recipient via a digital cellular packet data protocol, further comprises transmitting the digital signal via a digital streaming audio format.

24. **(New)** The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of compressing the digital signal prior to the transmitting step to reduce the amount of data transmitted in the data packets from the vehicle to the computer-end recipient.

25. **(New)** The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of compressing the at least one response.

26. **(New)** The method of claim 25, wherein the digital signal is compressed with a compression ratio at least twice the compression ratio used to compress the at least one response.

27. **(New)** The method of claim 21, wherein the parsing step further comprises transforming the digital signal into computer commands to determine the inquiry.

28. **(New)** The method of claim 21, wherein the parsing step and formulating step are automated by the computer-end recipient.

29. **(New)** The method of claim 21, wherein the presenting step further comprises converting the at least one formulated response to an analog signal and playing the signal as audio through at least one speaker in the vehicle.

30. **(New)** The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of compressing the digital signal prior to transmitting the digital signal to the call center node, wherein the compression reduces the amount of data transmitted in the data packets from the vehicle to the call center node.

31. **(New)** The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of compressing the at least one response.

32. **(New)** The method of claim 31, wherein the digital signal is compressed with a compression ratio at least twice the compression ratio used to compress the at least one response.